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**From:** B A Pitcher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2013 12:08 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; bitter-smith-web@azcc.gov; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Decrease in price of electricity

Dear Commissioners,

I am a low income, very senior, living in a very hot spot in spring, summer and fall in Bullhead City. A decrease in rate would help us make our obligations. Your reason for not doing so makes little sense and would help us even if it was temporary which I hope is not for both our sakes.

Sincerely,

Barbara Pitcher

Arizona Corporation Commission  
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**From:** Brenda White <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2013 2:55 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Cc:** 'Brenda White'  
**Subject:** AEPCO Rate Decrease Consideration

*Sirs/Madame,*

*I have read, with great interest, the mailings and bill inserts describing the filing for a rate decrease by Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO), the major wholesale provider for Mohave Electric. I am following this proposed decrease very closely, as it is rare for the ACC to be provided a chance to actually lower rates, and rare for the end users to see a favorable cost reduction that will affect our bills. Additionally, I am currently the single parent of a son waiting for a heart transplant whom I need to keep cool in these hot summer months. The heat effects what little efficiency his heart is working at. Cooling costs are a tremendous burden on my one earner income and any help with cost would be a relief.*

*As a Care Coordinator for in home care for elderly clients in the Bullhead City area, I also see the struggle for those on limited incomes to be able to cool their homes, most often times keeping their thermostats at high temperatures in fear of the power cost. A decrease would most certainly be a favorable advantage to them also and resulting in the benefit of them feeling more comfortable in their homes and better well being.*

*I am also aware that out-of-state consultants hired by the ACC are trying to block the AEPCO rate decrease on speculative data and guesses of what may happen to the costs in the future, and their effects on MEC's members. Please, I ask that you do not let these consultants to prevail with their speculation of what the future costs may or may not be, and allow the rate decrease. If future EPA edicts or other rulings do force AEPCO's wholesale rates to go up, we would look to the wholesale provider to demonstrate the need, with certainty of numbers at that time and you will have a chance to see those and act with certainty.*

*In appreciation of your consideration.*

Thank you,

*Brenda White*  
Client Care Coordinator  
Bullhead City area

Comfort Keepers  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Bullhead City, AZ 86442  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2013 3:44 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Cc:** info@bullheadchamber.com  
**Subject:** Rate Decrease

I did read, with great interest, the mailings and bill inserts describing the filing for a rate decrease by Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO), the major wholesale provider for Mohave Electric. I am following this proposed decrease very closely, as it is rare for the ACC to be provided a chance to actually lower rates, and rare for the end users to see a favorable cost reduction that will affect our bills.

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I was very pleased with the idea that a power company was looking out for the consumer. I have done everything suggested to reduce my power consumption (new windows, new doors, increased attic insulation, new heat pump and a higher thermostat setting (summer). My bills are lower because I'm more efficient but a rate decrease will help make my bills even lower. Please, help the consumer. We are being pushed into a difficult situation with less usable income and higher bills.

Melinda Sobraske  
[REDACTED]

Bullhead City, Arizona

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**From:** tara.j.foltz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2013 4:42 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Cc:** info@bullheadchamber.com  
**Subject:** AEPCO Rate Decrease

To Whom it may concern:

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I also am aware that out-of-state consultants hired by the ACC are trying to block the AEPCO rate decrease on speculative data and guesses of what may happen to the costs in the future, and their effects on MEC's members. I ask that you do not let these consultants prevail with their speculation of what the future costs may or may not be, and allow the rate decrease. If future EPA edicts or other rulings do force AEPCO's wholesale rates to go up, I would look to the wholesale provider to demonstrate the need, with certainty of numbers at that time and you will have a chance to see those and act with certainty.

I am greatly concerned with the rising cost of energy particularly because of the climate that we live in here in the Mojave desert. The temperatures outside are astronomical and it honestly surprises me that we, our pets, and the vegetation, survive in the extreme heat that we have. The amount of money it costs me to cool my home is astounding. I can't imagine how some families can even afford all of their other monthly expenses during the "summer time". This rate decrease is well deserved for the people here in our community and everyone paying high costs for their energy.

Tara Foltz

Mortgage Cons - Jr  
NMLSR ID 774143

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**From:** tina foltz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2013 10:10 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Cc:** info@bullheadchamber.com  
**Subject:** MEC Lower energy costs

*We did read, with great interest, the mailings and bill inserts describing the filing for a rate decrease by Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO), the major wholesale provider for Mohave Electric. We are following this proposed decrease very closely, as it is rare for the ACC to be provided a chance to actually lower rates, and rare for the end users to see a favorable cost reduction that will affect our bills.*

*We also are aware that out-of-state consultants hired by the ACC are trying to block the AEPCO rate decrease on speculative data and guesses of what may happen to the costs in the future, and their effects on MEC's members. We ask that you do not let these consultants prevail with their speculation of what the future costs may or may not be, and allow the rate decrease. If future EPA edicts or other rulings do force AEPCO's wholesale rates to go up, we would look to the wholesale provider to demonstrate the need, with certainty of numbers at that time and you will have a chance to see those and act with certainty.*

*We certainly could use a reduction in our utilities, especially the most expensive one we've got! What we spend, in an all electric house, is almost half of our mortgage payment and even higher in the summer months. With today's economy in such a mess, every little bit will help.*

*Thank you,  
Tina Foltz*

*[REDACTED]  
Bullhead City, AZ 86442*

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**From:** RL MORSE [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2013 10:51 AM  
**To:** Stump-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Cc:** info@bullheadchamber.com  
**Subject:** E-01773A-12-0305 - Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Rates)

Dear Elected Arizona Corporation Commission Board Members and Staff

Please accept this letter as my expression of great concern with respect to the pending AEPCO rate reduction case currently before the commission for consideration and action. I am a customer and member of Mohave Electric Cooperative I have studied the request in great detail.

My understanding of the issue is that AEPCO has requested a rate reduction tariff adjustment due to lower cost of power production. Furthermore the Commission has secured an outside consultant to assist staff and ultimately the Commissioners to review and render a professional opinion, based upon the facts surrounding the case request.

As a Professional Consultant myself I have been tempted to form my opinions based on speculation of future events but I have found that it is much more accurate to form an opinion based upon the laws, rules, regulations and administrative guidelines in effect at the time.

With respect to what the EPA may or may not require in the future concerning the pollution controls, levels of acceptable pollutant releases, production-transportation-storage and emission control credits(similar to California) of fossil fuels, it is anyone's guess as to what and when change may be on the horizon. With the current federal leadership and administration it is quite apparent that the direction is to curtail all electricity generated by the consumption of fossil fuels so where does that leave us to speculate upon???

The booking of excess profits by AEPCO and subsequently MEC for distribution to the Customers that consume the electricity, at some future undeterminable date in the future, in my opinion does little to benefit the end user in the current term and represents an additional burden to the ACC staff, AEPCO and MEC accounts to track, allocate and distribute the excess revenue collected. The redistribution process consumes a great deal of time and considering the transient nature of a large percentage of the end users in the MEC service area many refunds will go undeliverable.

The rate reduction case as requested by AEPCO should be approved now and deal with the future costs increases as they become necessary.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

R. Larry Morse PE, RLS  
ARQ Engineering LLC  
4440 S. Highway 95, Suite A  
Fort Mohave, AZ. 86426

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**From:** Rodney Head [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2013 4:59 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Cc:** info@bullheadchamber.com  
**Subject:** AEPCO Rate decrease request

Dear Arizona Corporation Commission Board Members,

I have lived in Bullhead City, Arizona, for 35 years, and was pleasantly surprised when I started reading the inserts in my Mohave Electric Cooperative (MEC) bill that announced the filing of a rate decrease request by the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, which would ultimately result in a rate decrease for customers of MEC. I have been acutely aware of the process, as I'm sure you are, since it is rare that the Arizona Corporation Commission is given the opportunity to have a hand in reducing the cost to end user customers.

I have been made aware of a study, which was conducted by an out-of-state firm that was hired by the ACC, which is now the vehicle that is being considered in a move to block the rate decrease. While I am not intimately aware of all of the facets of this study, I have been told that it is based on speculative data and guesses as to what the future holds. I ask that you give the professional managers of the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, and thus the managers of the member cooperatives the consideration that their managerial experience deserves, and approve this rate decrease. Should future EPA edicts and/or other rulings force an increase in rates, I, just like you would look to the wholesale provider to demonstrate the need for this increase with certainty of numbers, and not speculation or guesswork.

As a longtime resident of the desert southwest, I ask that you give my family, and the families of all of the members of Mohave Electric Cooperative, a much deserved break by approving this rate decrease request submitted by the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative. I think that it is prudent to make your decision on the data used by the Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, which is based on numbers that are current, and not speculation as to what may, or may not happen in the future. As our elected representatives, you have the power (no pun intended) to see that the hardworking citizens who elected you are given a voice in the process that could in fact reduce the cost of a day-to-day essential service that they cannot do without.

As much as I have been acutely aware of this rate decrease request, and the attempt to defeat it, I will be tracking the response of each of you, as my representative in this matter of mutual concern.

Respectfully,

Rodney B. Head

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**From:** natalie kuskos [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2013 9:28 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Cc:** Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Rate Decrease for Mohave County  
**Attachments:** Screenshot\_2013-07-26-09-23-27.png

To All Concerned,

In hopes of getting some type of relief on our electric bill, I am writing you. The summer started early this year. We had 120 + degree weather in May. This meant that our bills, because of the new rate increase, doubled for the month. When June came along, the bill was just as high. My bill has gone from \$78.00 in April to \$228.00+. Not to mention, the hottest month is still ahead of us.

This community is made up of struggling families and the elderly. I would guess that 80-85% of the community is on a fixed income. Many people, including myself, struggle to pay their electric bill because it gets astronomical for 4 months. So, people have to make a choice, pay their electric bill and forget the rest of their bills, including their food bill...or don't pay their electric bill... and face death. My neighbor was found dead in his apartment on Monday.

I have personally called the 'Energy Specialist' that are employed by MEC hoping for tips to lower my bill. Sadly, I have already done all of them. I have tinted my windows, I have ceiling fans that have to run all day and night. I keep the AC set at 80 degrees. I have black out curtains on every window and I also have purchased fans for the bedrooms and a portable evaporative cooler for the main area in the house... in hopes of keeping my new AC from being over worked. There is no relief from this heat, even our cold water comes out scolding hot.

In regards to the recent increase, it puzzles me as to how anyone in this community can live with minimal electric. We are allowed 400 KWH @ \$.090076 and from there, it only gets more expensive. The next tier is 600 KWH @ \$.105076 and anything over that is billed at \$.120076. This all adds up along with the customer charge of \$16.50 and the near \$20.00 in taxes. People, at least none that I know of can stay even remotely comfortable using the bare minimum amount of electricity. This desert is too hot. We are not in an area where we get relief from the elements, however, we should not be penalized for it either.

I personally invite you 5 to spend a week here to experience first hand what it is like to have no relief from the heat. We have to run our fans, coolers and AC day and night. There are some nights when the AC does not shut off, because my home has not yet reached 80 degrees.

As I write this letter to you, it is 9:20 AM. The temperature now, at this very moment is 91 degrees. It is only going to get warmer. I have attached a current 7 day weather outlook. If you would like, I will send one each week, so that you are able to see how hot it is here, daily.

PLEASE, PLEASE APPROVE THE DECREASE!

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Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please, feel free to contact me.

Warm Regards,  
Natalie Kusko  
MEC member

# Bullhead City

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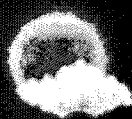
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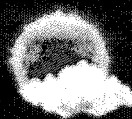
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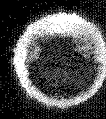
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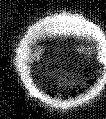
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**From:** Nadia Miranda <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2013 9:46 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Burns-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Cc:** info@bullheadchamber.com  
**Subject:** KEEPING ELECTRIC COSTS DOWN

Good Morning,

The cost of these electric bills are outrages as it is, and having an increase would be like people working just to pay rent and electric. A decrease would help so much not only to families, but us businesses as well. Please allow for a rate DECREASE, and help us consumers out.

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Thank you,

Your friends at  
Econo Tire and Wheels, LLC  
DBA Good Vista  
[REDACTED]  
Bullhead City, AZ 86442  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Bob Stump**

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**From:** Lori Fonzi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 28, 2013 9:00 AM  
**To:** Stump-Web  
**Subject:** AEPCO rate decrease

Re: AEPCO rate decrease

Mr. Stump

Can you seriously believe that a rate decrease is not favorable for the people you serve?

I have read and evaluated information regarding the requested for a rate decrease filed by Arizona Electric Power Cooperative (AEPCO), the major wholesale provider for Mohave Electric. With government regulations and emission standards changing, the cost of electricity will most probably stay on the rise.

Any chance of a rate reduction is in the best interest of the people who will feel it the most – the elderly, the low income, and the working poor who are struggling in this economy to make ends meet.

Please do not take the side of out-of-state consultants who are trying to block the AEPCO rate decrease on speculative data and guesses of what *may* happen to the costs in the future, and their effects on MEC's members.

If nothing else, consider the goodwill and concern for your constituents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lori Fonzi  
[REDACTED]  
Bullhead City, AZ 86429  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Carri (Persnicketyann) Ferris [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 28, 2013 4:40 PM  
**To:** Stump-Web  
**Subject:** Fw: Incease Electic Rates

It has been brought to our attention that my local power company has filed to decrease my rates however ACC has hired outside consultants to stop this process. We strongly urge you to allow my local power company of Mohave Electric to provide services at a decrease rate.

Gary and Carri Ferris  
[REDACTED]  
Fort Mohave, AZ 86426  
[REDACTED]